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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **AUTOMATED CENTRIFUGE AND METHOD OF USING SAME** the specification of which _____ is attached hereto or x was filed on February 8, 2002 as Application No. 10/071,877, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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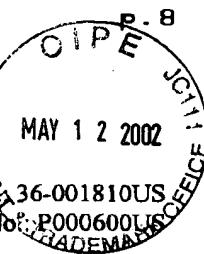
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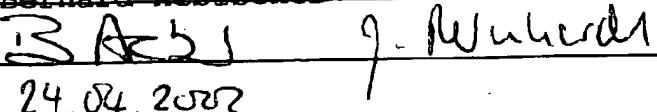
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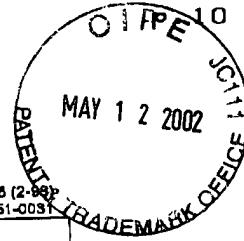
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant: **Robert C. Downs, et al.**Application No.: **10/071,877**Filed: **February 8, 2002**Entitled: **AUTOMATED CENTRIFUGE AND METHOD OF USING SAME****IRM, LLC**

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Attorney Docket No.: 36-00181-US
Client Reference No.: P006000**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION****JOINT**

WHEREAS, Robert C. Downs, of 5795 La Jolla Corona Drive ,La Jolla, California 92037, Scott A. Lesley of 8474 Hopseed Lane, San Diego, California 92129, James K. Mainquist of 12695 Aida Street, San Diego, California 92130, Andrew J. Meyer, 3876 ½ Haines Street, San Diego, California 92109, Christopher M. Shaw of 4104 Via Candidiz #94, San Diego, California 92130, and Mark R. Weselak of 5360 Ruette de Mer, San Diego, CA 92130, Marc Nasoff of 11734 Mira Lago Way, San Diego, California 92131, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: AUTOMATED CENTRIFUGE AND
METHOD OF USING SAME

Filing Date: February 8, 2002

Application No.: 10/071,877; and

WHEREAS, IRM, LLC a corporation, located at c/o Sophia House, 48 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on any patent application claiming priority from the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and which claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

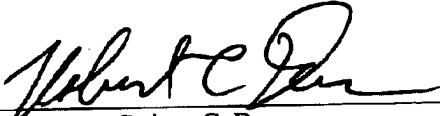


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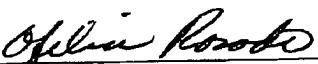
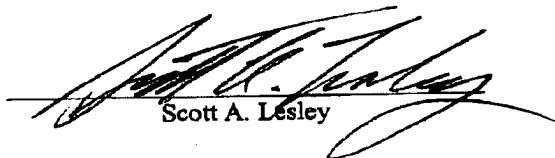
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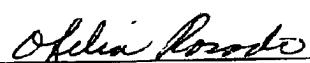
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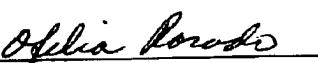
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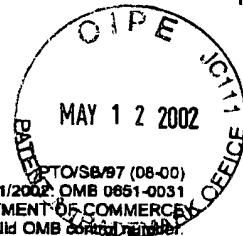


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